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ENERGY COORDINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON ALLOCATION COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Energy Coordination Committee has given recommendations on allocation of coal blocks to Public and Private Sector Companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA ROA)

(a) to (c): In the 5th meeting of the Energy Coordination Committee held on 10.02.2006, a view was taken that the Ministry of Coal would identify adequate number of coal blocks aggregating to 20 billion tonnes of reserves. Accordingly, 81 coal blocks with geological reserves of 20.02 billion tonnes were identified for allocation to public/private sector companies for specified end-uses. Out of 81 identified coal blocks, 27 blocks with 8536.38 million tonnes reserves have been allocated to Central/State Public Sector Undertakings under the Government company dispensation for power generation and other end uses. Further, 15 coal blocks with 3622.45 million tonnes reserves have been allocated to private companies (including one joint venture between a State Government enterprise and private company) under captive dispensation for power generation. 23 coal blocks offered for non-power end uses will be considered by the Screening Committee in the meeting scheduled in December 2007.

Further, out of 16 coal blocks earmarked for allocation to power sector on the basis of tariff based competitive bidding, 4 blocks with 1857.24 million tonnes of reserves have been allocated to Ultra Mega Power Projects and 2 blocks have been allocated to the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.